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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Background Information for Briefing of Foreign
Intelligence Advisory Board on Foreign Missile
and Space Analysis Center (FMSAC)REFERENCE: Memorandum for DDCI, dated 21 October 1963,
from DCI (copy attached)

1. This memorandum provides background information to the Director for his assistance in briefing members of the PFIAB on the Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center of the DD/S&T organization.

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2. The proper handling of intelligence relating to Soviet missile and space firings is of the utmost importance. Intelligence relating to threat of attack on the United States is given the highest priority under the existing Priority National Intelligence Objectives.

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3. CIA through its Office of Scientific Intelligence, and USIB through GMAIC have produced valuable intelligence on Soviet missile and space activities through the years. I am of the opinion, however, that there exists an organizational deficiency in this field which inhibits the maximum performance and production of intelligence relating to Soviet space activities and operations.

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4. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence was requested by me on 21 October 1963 to create within the resources of CIA a Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center under the DD/S&T. It will become the focal point for the complete analysis of all data on Soviet missile and space firings with particular attention to the analysis of all raw intelligence gathered from all sources and the reporting and dissemination of studies derived from their analysis to the pertinent components of the intelligence community. This Center will utilize the best private and governmental capabilities in its analytical work and will report its results to USIB through GMAIC.

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5. I have authorized the use of FY 64 CIA resources, in an amount not to exceed [] positions and [] to activate this new unit. We are further conducting discussions with the Bureau of the Budget so that we may submit a supplemental item for FY 65 to them requesting personnel and funds not to exceed []

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

21 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

1. The National Security Act charges the Central Intelligence Agency with the responsibility to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to national security and to provide appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government, using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities. The law further provides that departments and other agencies of government shall continue to correlate and disseminate departmental intelligence. Under existing Priority National Intelligence Objectives intelligence relating to threat of attack on the United States is considered the highest priority.

2. Hence, the proper handling of intelligence relating to Soviet missile and space firings is of the utmost importance. The analysis of all raw intelligence of Soviet activities and operations gathered from all sources and the reporting and dissemination of these analyses in a timely and comprehensive manner is a responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is my observation that CIA through its Office of Scientific Intelligence, and USIB through the Guided Missiles and Astronautics Intelligence Committee are not satisfactorily organized for this task, despite the fact that the efforts of both organizations have produced a very considerable number of very valuable analyses and reports on Soviet missile and space activities through the years.

3. This memorandum therefore will confirm my previous instructions to you to create within the resources of the Central Intelligence Agency an organization for the complete analysis of all data on Soviet missile and space firings. This organization should be established as a unit within the DD/S&T which in my opinion has the advanced technical capability required as a focal point for this effort. Naturally this Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center would not only be satisfactorily equipped with specialists of appropriate background and training, but will likewise utilize the best of our national capabilities, both private and governmental, in accomplishing the sophisticated technical analyses required to exploit on a timely basis the extensive collection activities now in being under the direction of various Services and agencies, most of which are being augmented.

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4. The group you will establish within the DD/S&T under this directive should bring together all of the technical intelligence data for joint analysis, should work in close coordination with GMAIC and report its results to the USIB through GMAIC.

5. Likewise this analytical group should work closely with the agencies who now collect raw intelligence data and process and analyze their data independently.

6. It is assumed that the analytical group established under this directive through its study of all collection resources and the raw intelligence produced by them will develop judgments as to how our resources might be improved or more effectively directed. When and if such views are developed, I would appreciate them being brought to the attention of USIB immediately so that appropriate instructions can be issued for the implementation of such recommendations.



JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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